

August 2, 1931

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Aug. second went out after rays  
fishes in sand are south of shore  
600 yds north of Dogger Head  
saw a number of nests of fish but  
none together. One large ray fish  
would drag my footsteps and move  
around end of measuring rod,  
so I stined up a little bald  
fin kin & he melled it over  
while doing so I took the picture  
but I think he was afraid of it before  
had. But the was so mad  
I could have cried — he ca-  
n't right back started to attack me  
then mouth full of red rough &  
left, grab a crat & dash away  
with it, the picture of a lifetime  
which all I can do is tell about.  
Looked around again but though  
I saw seven nice nests got no  
fishes —

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> afternoon, went up  
above Drygas Head Key about to look  
for ~~Albatross~~ <sup>nest</sup> & ~~guarding~~ eggs found  
at Under Head of which H. Single directed  
me he did not seem to object to the  
fishes Ranging around & going under  
head with them.

Passed over Heads to Westwind  
& got S.W. of those <sup>south</sup> in flat but did not  
see any Gralby fish I went after.  
so well off against Heads to seek  
school of fish, <sup>grey</sup> snappers? & yellow grunts  
Saw 1 fish, <sup>big</sup> angel & butterfly, fine tang  
& no end of others. As I was setting  
up tripod noticed grunts going from & to  
with mouth wide open, so waited  
for it again. a long wait but finally  
did it again, but attached fish  
bally under rock so might have missed  
half of inter in picture; however school  
had disassociated & got only a couple of fish  
in my 50 feet. This was last half hour  
well, we came in & reloaded.

Third day

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Second shot of afternoon we hove up  
to greater beads at reef; in look for  
school of fish, found a cave with large  
Jew fish ~~out~~ visible bet. cracks of a crevice  
between two large beads. Got my net  
up but he moved back under rock & finally  
went out & turned to back, with <sup>greenish</sup> greenish  
body little blocks of blue striped fish feeding over  
him. Meanwhile a ~~small~~ <sup>Red Grouper</sup> was  
bushing around. In fact 2-3 feet away.  
After fail to get Jew fish hove away  
for <sup>or</sup> ~~water~~ fish, couldn't get him at  
first (in boat you can only look down with  
difficulty) & then he was under my  
tripod & about 6 inches from my hand  
also ~~sticks~~ under the tripod let me come  
within 1 inch of him with my fingers. Thought  
I would break off & take ~~it~~ & what do  
you think he followed me up & got up  
under the tripod again six feet back  
of its former place, so I tried man-  
ouvering him and with my measuring  
sticks, let me push him back a little but  
but when I tried it again and he sought

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To return to "shelter" of the tripod, his  
feelings must have gotten hurt, for  
he went off among the hard flame  
the gorgonians. So his interesting  
chances went glimmering. In getting  
up a few fish I showed a small coral  
head out of the way & in doing so one  
turned it. but ~~it~~ with nothing to  
shot at, an angel fish luckily came  
to the rescue, & began feeding over the  
under side of the coral post. I let  
go with the button & the reel began  
to buzz. For all of a sudden the  
tripod slipped, ~~then~~ <sup>as I called</sup> you slipped  
in I don't know how much I got because  
the fish started to move away, ~~the~~ <sup>but</sup> he  
did try to follow him up with camera.  
Ponting will do with less much success

Angel fish yellow inside of pectoral fins  
has sort of sucker like mouth

A movie of my self taking water under  
water would probably entertain you more  
than these few snaps I ~~don't~~ have to  
show you.

Aug. 3 Monday Sea: Quiet as a mill  
Pond but sky heavily overcast; did  
not get a shot all forenoon as fish  
guts in clouds + setting up trapod  
did not coincide. Had small boat  
early lunch and ported out a short  
time advantage of a temporary clear  
spell. First shot a few fish I had  
noticed schooling and a few stunted  
alcymanias in 1<sup>st</sup> of first leads out  
from dock, up on + behind breakers from  
the south. Fired 8-11; 8<sup>th</sup> <sup>engaged</sup> shot at  
11.0 p.m. Then came in + reloaded +  
waded up reef to "Greater Roads" in an  
attempt to catch Jew fish in hole in  
wall but found him not at home, but  
there were a number of yellowtailers  
graffers + a blackfish one with black  
lines <sup>Haemulon maculatum</sup> yellow squares, one of  
former started out of crevice + then  
backed up a reef camera; the  
wind died about noon + the sun came up.

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shot, saw a Pigeon under wing along  
to far to reach with line. so set my  
camera down, tripod & all. He  
wandered about & saw not his kind  
of chub, swimming by looked like a like  
of the long line & then passed the  
camera at suitable distance, measured  
up a place (got tangled in dead man  
mean file) & went back for camera.  
& who should be at suitable photo distance  
but friend Jim with his attender  
little fellows on back & sides; but  
usual picture high the camera was  
right angled to line of shot & as I  
turned camera he gave a ~~long~~<sup>long</sup>  
glint of tail & dived <sup>in crevice</sup> ~~under~~ <sup>under</sup> ~~near~~ <sup>near</sup> coral  
leads, ~~up~~<sup>up</sup> a great distance but still  
not directly ~~communicating~~<sup>communicating</sup> with hole  
in wall. ~~He got~~  
naturally & picked up camera &  
tripod & went back to get chub.  
Thought I would appreciate, when (over in ②)

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works hard under water, you do not  
seem to get enough air & just have  
to gasp for air & then you seem to get  
enough has tempted to go up for breath  
of need above water air; but thought  
I'd stick it out till I got the chart  
line, ~~was getting~~ <sup>set up Dec 10</sup> camera line  
up when when should I suddenly  
behold face to face, it was to good  
to miss my greater acquaintance  
of yesterday; he was so close I  
feared I would got a badly focussed  
eye, so close & big did he appear,  
that indeed that hundred feet.

So came back to relax. Then started  
out for *Plumfish* in bottom sand  
in lot of several beads together filled  
with sand & smaller beads, got a  
shot at them & tried from ~~over~~ <sup>good</sup> appear  
as I did in ~~10~~ <sup>11.10</sup>, but lines camera  
jerked so ~~precise~~ <sup>precise</sup> is slacking <sup>seen in photo</sup>  
but after this about ~~11.10~~ <sup>11.10</sup> after both <sup>up</sup> ~~up~~  
high bailed out

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This a.m. bet. 10 + 10.30 when sun was clear of clouds though I am sure it was dimmed in last half of picture, I photo-grafted little natural amphitheater we frequented with bottle day before in coral reefs off dock, saw several fish swimming, panot fish passed in an out of picture + tang was feeding under alcymanian, little black fish upper fins + tail chased him off. Should have been quite a school of fishes. I ginned fish on similar basis under rock but passed a big in rock crevice though I saw it. Camera failed to get him.

Clouds were very troublesome all day except when I didn't have boat 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Then soon out of passing to Port, then cloudy, then 12 p.m. came in. + still I got my combination together, at light + fish. Saved fish in heel + brought with me to dinner

noticed confusions of ground grunts  
broke up when I had intervened  
between ~~us~~ & us. Tended them to ~~roam~~  
about in files or lines. When sun  
got brighter began to school again;  
also those fellows while I sat & watched  
Dophi to get a fur more or different  
fish in. Grunts got tired of being  
intended & began to move away on the  
other side of ~~Palau~~ Palauanian chunk,  
didn't like to be watched (but ~~few~~ few  
fish enough to show you all this),  
shall try to take the moment of  
~~have seen to~~ ~~found me much~~ moving  
smelt new to their experience & perhaps  
as they experience goes, smelt that  
never ~~burned them~~ in spite of being  
hunted & long lost ad constantly moving  
stream of Grubbers.

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Get you just like  
all you can do is hope  
& pray. Devachan will  
stay tonight (in field  
of camera)

Aug. 5, 1931 Clear day occasional clouds some haze (9)

Started ~~fix~~ camera so as to be able to start & stop pictures. Took several hours & at 10 when finished tried out camera & it leaked just as some new packing rubber & it worked fine. In one resolution cracked & leaked a ~~list~~; about eighth of an inch in bottom. So had to come back for the rubber. There was none which I thought of a possible <sup>for</sup> hot water bag & Capt. Mills the versatile had a lunch bag of several years standing on ship. Worked like a charm.

Finally got my fish in the tree that I had tried so long to get for some days, but between son & "kids" taking out of tree I was unsuccessful. Got it beatiful today. A 11 1/2 in. seal w/ camera set six feet ~~for 530~~ <sup>1530</sup> p.m.

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while taking a couple of "angels" kept buzzing around my head, so I could not resist the temptation to shoot them, but could not orient camera properly & quickly enough to get picture lined up straight. I think I got something of them if they didn't get too close. Fish are certainly <sup>narrowly</sup> inquisitive ~~curious~~ <sup>curious</sup> & ~~curious~~ <sup>curious</sup> if you yourself ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> not too forward with them trusting <sup>natural</sup> natures. Of course in all these pictures the camera would have to jerk due to the ~~antiquated~~ <sup>antiquated</sup> tripod with which I had to contend, until cap mills fixed that <sup>too</sup>.

After this I set traps for four feet to get a few smaller fish on side of coral head & also tried worms, but little <sup>success</sup> ~~success~~ <sup>success</sup> <sup>around 200</sup> <sup>18</sup> <sup>pm</sup> distance was too great, at this F.  $\frac{1}{4}$  <sup>1/2</sup> <sup>11.</sup> p.m. Couple of angle fish under rock, schools of <sup>1/2</sup> & grouper came to look see; may also have gotten a small pomacentrid <sup>over for</sup> <sup>11</sup>

picture; Then moved over to  
side of very large Read & got  
couple of tiny black & bright  
blue striped fish, chipping at it at time  
feeding time perhaps & before it. (Or  
was weather for (50 feet has ex-  
changed) then noticed leak when  
we opened up to get at camera.  
Came the meal mush in & got  
drum bag & it tested ~~not~~ fine &  
seem to work. O.K. So I loaded  
camera & we started up to great  
leads up reef to see if we could  
get good alcyonarians growth, was  
not so tall except sea fan & as  
it <sup>is</sup> to be expected missed a wonderful  
shot of <sup>rept</sup> paper fish, size of them  
standing on leads, its their way of  
holding along clinging to, for their  
minutely satisfied the moved off  
after I got ~~them~~ ~~them~~ ~~them~~ as  
I tried to get my tripod & camera  
in position. Got a small prig & it

My film was not near done I  
 must have gotten a few frames of  
 a hussar grouper. This ~~was getting~~<sup>10 ft</sup>  
~~about~~ five p.m. when we got off  
 of island near dock; and <sup>200 feet</sup>  
~~4.00~~<sup>4.15</sup> fathoms must have been near  
 this I had clear sky most of time  
 though sun was in a light haze when  
 I did get up. (F. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  ~~all~~<sup>camera</sup> 6 feet.)

August 5, 1931

Very muggy all morning  
 in fact didn't get out till after 2 p.m.  
 when Mr. Smelga took me out & paid  
 me a Gnatfish saw it from  
 the boat above water & clear.

After setting up camera had to  
 wait it seemed half an hour for  
 fish to get reasmed then <sup>change</sup> spad  
 creature just five feet from the bottom  
 did not go down & back.

After reasoning himself he (13)  
did come up & look about a couple  
of times, then came up to chase  
a fish that was closer than he  
~~had~~ seemed to think desirable  
(He did not mind smaller fish that  
fed about his hole, first part of the  
trip) Then he came up & out  
several times to blow out a puff of  
sand then Red cleaned up of his  
bunions. With stitching & soap I did  
get a full circuit for length of time  
to bunters. Was alone to fish when  
I quit. F 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  11. Day mostly cloudy  
over & about sun. 4:15 p.m.

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1931 Sauge Brooks  
Cumberland visited for gaps or  
spaces between the

we had back this a.m. & take  
gravelly parts & found him speech-  
& I could not get him ~~to~~ <sup>completely</sup> ~~up~~  
hole short of nearly stepped  
on him; was arms & legs &  
body measured not unless always  
poked in his face. & when he did  
go down he stayed a long time.  
Took about 30 feet of him in  
maps. at Fa shade, thickness of  
line <sup>any</sup> for 11 lines. Belongs to  
feed <sup>(Cameron for 4 feet)</sup> in green man & clean house  
in afternoon, at least largely  
so as per pictures I took  
of sun may have been under the edge of clouds a lot  
large at end

After this we moved over in  
Xylochilis (rayed fish ground) I

saw a number of nests &  
also large fish, followed  
one of the latter to try to run him  
home, but he showed more of a  
disposition to want to examine  
sand stirred up by my footsteps  
than to keep out of my way. I  
actually had to probe him with  
my measuring rod, to keep him  
as the more (and not loitering)  
Tapped R. a least half dozen  
times, each time I could catch  
up on him, could feel the thump  
a hand if you will each time it  
connected ~~thus~~ <sup>thus</sup> be kept on  
the more but kept a more or  
less ahead of me till I had  
to quit for lack of ~~more~~  
reached the end of my rope w<sup>th</sup>  
steak. Then came back to the

boat, on the way found a number  
of good sized nests, but no fish  
aboard & like the proverbial  
pandey dove right under the  
ladder (from the boat) I found two  
nest about six feet apart which  
a medium to small sized fish (bait)  
was tending to stay one by.  
(Did I have time to find a dense  
nest & fish together clouds & high  
over uncertain.)

Just as I was getting up camera  
one of those on which I hained a  
Campea moved a piece of coral & I  
got him to do it again by disturbing  
the lair of his "spine ledge" & tumbled  
a piece of it in the middle & he moved  
them up. Sighed for two handicaps  
lack of as much film & as wanted &  
lack of time to shoot the scenes I'd  
liked to have shot.

Aug. 7 1931. In afternoon.  
Went hunting stay home early but  
first took last 30 feet of my  
film at a dog-fish & plover  
together, feeding on a small  
rock. N.G.F. thickness of line avg for 11 to <sup>8</sup> 1/2  
dm under regular thin misty cloud over  
2.30 p.m.

2.45 p.m. Set in line of stone climbing about  
one set for 12 feet, F. 16.

at 4.10 after looking around in  
deep water out from dock 18 feet deep.  
And seeing nothing suitable, went  
over to just to large patch on S. side  
of channel toward Blind Key Reef.

Shadu <sup>caught by sun</sup> not good but there was a  
thin veil of cloud over it in all directions  
got some fish under stay home on a choppy  
water very muddy. Camera 6 feet  
F 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  by 5 ft at 4.15 p.m. above.

Aug. 8, 1931 <sup>30 feet</sup> I did not get out  
well from on with one thing of another.  
yesterday's dredging & taking  
pictures of "fleet" John got  
two fur in. & had to wait for Bill  
Bush and Billy got them in separate  
shots & then took pan crabs & all the  
buildings with ~~Capt. Mills by moonlight~~

~~30 feet~~

<sup>30 feet</sup> ~~got meads at~~ <sup>F.H.</sup>  
~~at bottom of~~ <sup>for fish</sup>  
~~fish wanted~~

In afternoon Phil & I went south  
around to see Akedefut with eggs  
is found only one? at greater heads up  
deep but nettle fish on eggs were  
very get-at-all. Came down to  
group of heads to westward of single  
large head 400 yds off Point. In  
name but tried to take a "flock" of  
young yummers, but they ran to  
one to the camera. This was after  
a - of a long wait. (hadn't Phil) Finally  
got him net & spent all of time because

Corneal, then I passed camera  
up + after that turned to pick  
up tripod + measuring sticks to put  
them up for Phil to get. As I turned  
I saw a 3yo. bimaculata who had  
been watching me the whole time I  
was up. Naturally I just about  
catastrophed up the ladder + yelled  
for Phil to have the camera right  
away but my going up + down didn't  
stop the fellows examining it + he started  
to make off. I gested the general  
as my stomach + let her go  
any way. The picture will be an  
awful wobbly if any picture at  
all. (I say this because I can't catch  
him. While at "great" beach  
near Fleet of bays of yellow bell  
fish + my first trawl hit a rock  
place and revealed a mud flat.  
I tried to get out to wash myself but I can't  
run over + hole stuck down, but no net fish.

Aug. 9, 1931. { Sights:   
 *Sight intermission* for 3  
 + Ocean penguins  
 dull at times when sun rises  
 10 a.m. went up to beach  
 saw 1000s of P.

of the positive real have  
150 feet of each of the  
new building fish + the  
burning on that is much  
better, and shows in addition  
my pushing down the side of the  
nest in the first case +  
sprinkled sand in the hole  
of the other. This is much  
negative later during my second  
year and better than what is  
in the old positive, <sup>which repeat.</sup> my first year  
works at under movies.

something over five hundred feet  
additional of other fish and back-  
grounds. Of the running fish  
150, and the next running fish  
150 more ~~one~~ of better film and  
~~besides~~ than that in the positive  
and several

most in all  
they I have 200 feet of  
stuff was good as what you  
have of other species of fish  
all had new & unprinted